This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for building an extensible project system comprising:

providing a base software development project ~~component~~ object comprising data for creating a software development project system, wherein the base project component object implements a base project configuration component object model (COM) object that includes configuration properties for the base project ~~component~~ COM object, the configuration properties comprising ~~at least one of a configuration set, the configuration set comprising~~ an indication of a build of the project system, ~~an output file to be created, and an indication as to where the output file will be placed~~ the base project COM object implementing an application programming interface (API) that is called by the base software development project object to invoke configuration properties of the base project COM object;

providing ~~at least one~~ a flavor ~~component~~ COM object comprising data for modifying said project system for a specific purpose, wherein the ~~at least one~~ flavor ~~component~~ COM object includes flavor-specific project configuration properties comprising at least one of a flavor set, the flavor set comprising a caption of a project node, an icon of a project node, a property allowing a project browse object to be completely overridden, a control allowing a project to be renamed, a sort priority control, a property allowing a command to be added, a property allowing a command to be removed, a property allowing a command to be disabled, a filter, a property allowing a default generator given a file extension to be determined, and a property allowing a human-readable generator name to be mapped to a COM object, the flavor COM object implementing an API that is called by the base software development project object to invoke flavor-specific project configuration properties of the flavor object;

signaling, by the base project component object, to the ~~at least one~~ flavor component object that the base project configuration component object needs to be extended;

creating a flavored project system adapted for said specific purpose by ~~component object~~ COM aggregation using said base project ~~component~~ COM object as a participating component object and ~~one of~~ said ~~at least one~~ flavor component object[[s]] as a controlling ~~component~~ COM object; and

creating, by the ~~at least one~~ flavor component object, a flavored base software development project configuration component object, wherein at least one configuration property for the base project component object is ~~modified~~ overridden by a corresponding flavor-specific project configuration property.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, where said at least one flavor ~~component~~ COM object comprises at least a first flavor ~~component~~ COM object and a second flavor ~~component~~ COM object, and where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises:

creating an intermediary ~~component~~ COM object by aggregating said first flavor ~~component~~ COM object as a controlling ~~component~~ COM object and said base project ~~component~~ COM object as a participating ~~component~~ COM object; and

creating a flavored project system by using said second flavor ~~component~~ COM object as a controlling ~~component~~ COM object and said intermediary ~~component~~ COM object as a participating ~~component~~ COM object.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be modified by said flavor ~~component~~ COM object.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing a value for at least one property stored in said at least one interface of said base project to be modified by a value for said at least one property stored in an interface of said flavor ~~component~~ COM object.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be replaced by said flavor ~~component~~ COM object.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said flavored base project configuration ~~component~~ COM object includes an extender interface, said creation of a project system further comprising:

providing an extender site ~~component~~ COM object associated with said extender interface.

8.   (Currently Amended) A system for building an extensible project system comprising:

a processor;

a process configured to instantiate a base software development project component object model (COM) object comprising data for creating a project system, wherein the base project ~~component~~ COM object implements a base project configuration ~~component~~ COM object that includes configuration properties for the base project ~~component~~ COM object, the configuration properties comprising at least one of a configuration set, the configuration set comprising an indication of a build of the project system, an output file to be created, and an indication as to where the output file will be placed, the base project COM object implementing an application programming interface (API) that is called by the base software development project object to invoke configuration properties of the base project COM object;

a process configured to instantiate at least one flavor ~~component~~ COM object comprising data for modifying said project system for a specific purpose, wherein the at least one flavor ~~component~~ COM object includes flavor-specific project configuration properties, the flavor COM object implementing an API that is called by the base software development project object to invoke flavor-specific project configuration properties of the flavor object;

a process in the base project ~~component~~ COM object configured to signal the at least one flavor ~~component~~ COM object that the base project configuration ~~component~~ COM object needs to be extended;

a process configured to generate a flavored software development project system for said specific purpose by component object aggregation using said base project ~~component~~ COM object as a participating ~~component~~ COM object and one of said at least one flavor ~~component~~ COM objects as a controlling ~~component~~ COM object; and

a process in the at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object configured to generate a flavored base software development project configuration component object, wherein at least one configuration property for the base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object is modified by a corresponding flavor-specific project configuration property.

9.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, where said at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object comprises at least a first flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and a second flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object, and where said aggregator further comprises:

a first aggregator for creating an intermediary ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object by aggregating said first flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a controlling ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and said base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a participating ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object; and

a second aggregator for creating a flavored project system by using said second flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a controlling ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and said intermediary ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a participating ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

10.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8 where said aggregator causes at least one interface of said base project to be modified by said flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

11.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 where said aggregator causes a value for at least one property stored in said at least one interface of said base project to be modified by a value for said at least one property stored in an interface of said flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8 where said aggregator causes at least one interface of said base project to be replaced by said flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said flavored base project configuration ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object includes an extender interface, said project system further comprising:

an extender site component object associated with said extender interface.

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium for building an
extensible project system, said computer readable storage medium storing instructions for
causing a computer to perform the steps of comprising:

providing a base software development project component <u>object model (COM)</u>
object comprising data for creating a project system, wherein the base project ~~component~~
<u>COM</u> object implements a base software development project configuration ~~component~~ <u>COM</u>
object that includes configuration properties for the base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object, the
configuration properties comprising at least one of a configuration set, the configuration set
comprising an indication of a build of the project system, an output file to be created, and an
indication as to where the output file will be placed<u>, the base project COM object
implementing an application programming interface (API) that is called by the base software
development project object to invoke configuration properties of the base project COM
object</u>;

providing at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object comprising data for modifying
said project system for a specific purpose, wherein the at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u>
object includes flavor-specific project configuration properties<u>, the flavor COM object
implementing an API that is called by the base software development project object to invoke
flavor-specific project configuration properties of the flavor object</u>;

signaling by the base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object to the at least one flavor
~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object that the base project configuration ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object needs to
be extended;

creating a flavored software development project system for said specific purpose by
~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object aggregation using said base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a
participating ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and one of said at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u>
objects as a controlling ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object; and

creating, by the at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object, a flavored base software
development project configuration ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object, wherein at least one
configuration property for the base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object is modified by a
corresponding flavor-specific project configuration property.

16.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, where said at least one flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object comprises at least a first flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and a second flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object, and where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises:

creating an intermediary ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object by aggregating said first flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a controlling ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and said base project ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a participating ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object; and

creating a flavored project system by using said second flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a controlling ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object and said intermediary ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object as a participating component object.

17.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be modified by said flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

18.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing a value for at least one property stored in said at least one interface of said base project to be modified by a value for said at least one property stored in an interface of said flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

19.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be replaced by said flavor ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object.

20.   (Canceled)

21.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein said flavored base project configuration ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object includes an extender interface, said creation of a project system further comprising:

providing an extender site ~~component~~ <u>COM</u> object associated with said extender interface.